8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
9. Regular special drive against rash and neglegent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights over-speeding, over-loading etc.
10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.
11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/ education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the roads safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.
12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.
13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.
14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.
15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.
16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.
17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.
18. Special night checking on Highways.
19. Special Drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.
20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Hike in Taxes on Vehicles with National Permits

430. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has suggested for raising of taxes on vehicles plying on national permits as per the newsitem entitled 'SC for hike in National Permit Fee' which appeared in Times of India, dated the 9th September, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 8th September, 1992 in Writ Petition No. 488/92 has referred to the fact that the transport operators associations had suggested that the revenues which the States could lose by abolishing pathkar could be replenished to the States by appropriately enhancing the tax on motor vehicles plying on national permits. The Hon'ble Supreme Court had stated that it would be appropriate that the Union of India should explore the possibilities of the solution suggested by the transport operators associations. The Central Government have sought the views of concerned State Governments on the above.

Road Accidents

431. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in the country during the last six months, and the number of persons died/injured as a result thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that over-loaded trucks are responsible for majority of these accidents; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken to check this malpractice of over-loading?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Plying of Ordinary D.T.C. Buses

432. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of ordinary D.T.C. buses are